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Committee of 'Intellectuals'

Part IV: Con Man In the White House?

By JAMES L. WICK

Albert Norman is a member of the "inner circle" of a Liberal Candidate for the Presidency. His political education is described in a series of letters to his brother, Albert. Letters one through 10 *appeared in June* 9, 16 *and* 23 *editions of* HUMAN EVENTS. *Letter No.* 11 *follows.*

Letter No. 11

DEAR ALBERT: A "Committee of Intellectuals for Our Candidate" is being set up. I expected to be awed. Instead, I got an elementary lesson in the kind of people whom Liberals call "Intellectuals."

Pat O'Connell, our campaign director, presided over the screening of the names to be featured from "the arts, sciences and professions." I listened in.

Afterwards, the correspondents travelling with us gave me a rundown on the "big names." What one correspondent didn't know, another one did.

The "Committee of Intellectuals" is to have several Divisions. One division will consist of authors of well-advertised novels and Broadway plays. A correspondent, who on the side reviews books and plays, said the outpourings of these "Intellectuals" run mostly to blow-by-blow accounts of adultery, rape, seduction and perversion.

The Hollywood Division, as might be anticipated, includes the authors of several sex-drenched films.

My unsophisticated reaction: "What's the connection between the subjects on which these men and women write and the duties and responsibilities of the President of the United States?"

The Television Division is to get most favored treatment. Reason: The great body of voters will recognize the names of high-rated teevee shows and be deeply impressed when producers, directors and script-writers associated with familiar shows urge the election of Our Candidate.

Roy the Reactionary, one of the newsmen travelling with Our Candidate, asked me whether I knew what the teevee intelligentsia says about America. I admitted my ignorance; my television set is turned on only for special events. He explained. A television program fitted to the right thesis is a deadly political weapon. According to the new-style six-shooter epics, the common people—whom the eggheads profess to love—have two common traits. They are cowards and they are boobs. The slanted television plays so characterize even the rugged individualists who went West in Covered Wagons.

The idea was too shocking; I expressed disbelief.

"I'll prove it to you," said Roy. "Let me give you a summary of two typical 'western' plots. You can see each of these plots at least once every weekday evening 52 weeks a year on every network.

"Plot No 1: A notorious gunslinger comes to town. The 50 or 100 families of the town all have pistols and shotguns in their homes; nevertheless, they are thrown into a panic. Having the terror-stricken inhabitants at his mercy, the gunslinger can walk up the street and shoot down anyone at will. The cringing town officials beg him to leave. The town is saved from abject surrender by the arrival of Our Hero—but only because he is quicker on the draw. Cowardice is supposed to be the typical response to danger of the pioneers who settled the West (even of Texans!)—according to the 'Intellectuals' urging the American people to vote for Your Candidate.

"Plot No. 2: The villain is 'the man who owns the whole town.' He acquired his wealth by squeezing out the little people, one after another. Or perhaps he got it by a series of gigantic swindling operations. Most fortunes a century ago, according to television, were made in this manner.

"In Plot No. 2, the Rich Man is about to get a stranglehold on everybody—when out of the blue, a Casper Milquetoast decides to stand up for his rights. The Rich Man says he must be destroyed—at once! He is to be framed for the commission of a heinous crime, actually committed by the hirelings of the Rich Man. When tension has reached the proper pitch, one of the Vulture's henchmen directs suspicion at little Casper.

" 'Hang him,' cries the Rich Man. 'Hang him,' cries the bloodthirsty mob. The rope is around the neck of the innocent man—when in rides Our Hero, solves the crime with a few well-chosen words, and points to the Rich Man as the guilty party.

"According to television—and the movies—the common people can be incited at any time by a few emotion-packed words against Indians, Mexicans, Negroes, persons with foreign accents, poor widows, and cripples. The common people will hang anyone without trial—but for the intervention of Our Hero. The generation now coming up is being led to believe that near-lynchings were everyday occurrences when the pioneers were settling the West. Today, the thesis says, the masses in any small town in America, especially the South, will follow any small-time Hitler appealing to their hates and prejudices.

"Everything that suggests courage, honor, generosity and self-reliance in American history is leeched out by clever use of slant plots. Americans were really boobs, then—and now.

"Another thesis: daytime teevee dramas, designed to sell soap, deodorants, and bras to the mothers of America, are built around the theme that the wife has all the brains of the family. The fumbling fool of a husband gets way over his head in trouble. He is about to go under for the third and last time when his wife comes to his rescue.

"Five afternoons a week, strong women and weak men are glorified on the screen. The 'American Intellectuals' so deliberately softening up our once-masculine civilization urge that Your Candidate be elected President of the United States."

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I was trying to digest this shocking news when we were interrupted by the arrival of a long-time friend of Roy's, Dr. Franz X. Weiss, Professor of Abnormal Psychology. Roy gave him a report of our discussion and said: "The persons chosen to join the 'Committee of Intellectuals' include a startling number of homosexuals. You have written a textbook on sex deviates. I'm especially interested in the political aspect: why are homosexuals almost all Liberals, almost never conservatives? Is resentment—not being fully accepted—the principal cause of homosexual liberalism?"

Replied Dr. Weiss: "Resentment is an influence, a minor factor, though there are stronger urges.

"The resentment factor works this way: homosexuals by instinct hate the masculine types—businessmen especially. Hating businessmen, they hate capitalism. They become Liberals."

"But many homosexuals are wealthy," said Roy.

Replied D. Weiss: "Right. But while they hate businessmen and they hate capitalism, they don't hate wealth. There's a distinction.

"Homosexuals of wealth associate almost entirely with other people of wealth. They are Park Avenue, drawing-room Liberals. They love the down-trodden —but at a distance.

"Then, too, each generation of the wealthy is less virile than the one before."

I said, "You say resentment is a minor factor, Dr. Weiss. I'm curious to know what are the more important causes."

Replied the Professor: "The homosexual problem is incredibly complex. But to oversimplify, the commonest cause is too much mother.

"Example No. 1: The over-protective mother—so afraid something terrible will happen to her precious little boy that she keeps him tied to her apron strings. She insists he play with girls rather than with boys who might rough him up. The subconscious reason she does everything for him is that often she lacks confidence in and respect for him. Also she does not want to give up her son to another woman. To keep him for herself, she keeps him confused as to his own sex.

"Example No. 2: A woman who is consumed with hatred for all men. Aggressive, domineering, she may get a husband by bullying a weak male into marrying her. Dissatisfied with her mate, perhaps the only one she could get, she takes possession, body and soul, of her son.

"Her personal interests may run toward one of the careers offering most to women: writing, painting, poetry, the theatre, women's fashions. So she urges her son to fulfill the career she believes would have made her famous.

"In the pioneer era, children could go out on their own when they reached their mid-teens. They could escape from smother-love early enough to throw off its corroding influence. Now, with the age of dependency lengthened far beyond nature's intentions, the chances of escape have been sharply lessened.

"When our civilization was highly masculine—the traits typifying America were daring, adventure, self-reliance, risk-taking. The Constitution was written by masculine men in a masculine age. Until a third of a century ago, people did not expect the government to take care of them. Local communities expected to pay for what they got. What individuals or communities could not pay for, they did without.

"In the last 30 to 40 years, American civilization has undergone a vast emasculation. This transformation has never been properly studied, but the Communists have a keen awareness of how it can be used. The father of the Feminizing Revolution was an Austrian: Sigmund Freud. The Freudian ethic is that 'men cannot and should not be expected to be provident, self-reliant, and venturesome. They should be supported, protected and socially maintained.'

"The child psychologists, influenced by Freud, teach that mothers must prove to their children that they love them. Children must not be inhibited. What they do not want to do, they should not be expected to do. Children, raised in the everything-for-baby environment, are totally unprepared for a world in which they have to give as much as they receive. Without self-reliance, they become easy victims for something-for-nothing demagogs.

"The 'moderns' think that young people, whether it suits them or not, should be kept 'enjoying childhood' as long as possible. To the 'moderns'—often themselves having strong homosexual tendencies—adulthood is something to be dreaded. What a contrast with more masculine times when self-responsibility was eagerly looked forward to.

"To this prolongation of adolescence, there is one exception: the premature stimulation of the sex urge. Dating at 12, marriage at 16; sex experimentation is speeded up in the name of life adjustment. Confusion is complete."

The doctor paused. "A confrere of mine once said to me: 'If a Giant Evil Brain had set out to create a Master Plan for the destruction of American character by the year 1984, wherein would he have acted differently?' "

Dr. Weiss turned to me: "Mr. Norman, Your Candidate is using every technique that leads down the road to the Mother State—the State that will mother everybody, yes smother everybody, whether they want to be mothered and smothered or not. Unless these trends are soon reversed, our vigorous American civilization will go the way of all past decadent civilizations."

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You can see what is happening to my thinking, Albert. More when time permits.

Yours, Alex

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Nixon's Image: The big Kremlin effort to force the US to elect a President who will come to terms with the Soviet Government is now crystal clear. Speaking in Bucharest, Khrushchev expressed hope that the American electorate would elect a new Government to "remedy the mistakes made by the present US Government." (New York *Times*, front page, June 22.)

Thus the issue is drawn, and Vice President Nixon is fast building up his own image as the only man who can deal with the Russian dictator, with the reminder that he is the only American public figure who has stood up to Khrushchev in a public argument (in the "kitchen" in Moscow a year ago). Washington reporters who have travelled across the country with Nixon in recent weeks are fascinated by this technique and deeply impressed by the enthusiastic response of local crowds addressed by the Vice President. Howard Norton of the Baltimore *Sun*, who covered Nixon's foray last week in the Midwest, notes:

> **"One thing about Nixon's use of this formula [the man who stood up against Khrushchev] is that it is a vote-puller without creating any bitterness among the opposition."**

Norton adds, "This is a line that none of his prospective opponents in the Democratic party is going to have much success at imitating, because not one of them—with the possible exception of Adlai E. Stevenson—has even enjoyed the political advantage of a publicized trip to Moscow." Norton points out that Adlai did not have a public argument with K. and besides, the Soviet leader has spoken kindly of him. (On the other hand, K. has frequently voiced his dislike of Nixon.)

Capital politicos note that while Nixon is thus winning public acclaim, Kennedy is creating an image of himself as the candidate who will name Adlai Stevenson as Secretary of State, if the Massachusetts Senator wins the election. Since Adlai recently was exposed as a thorough-going appeasement advocate, in the interview he gave to a French journalist, he has—most observers agree—lost his chance for re-nomination. Therefore, Kennedy, if nominated, will face the liability of an oft-repeated question directed to voters, "Do you want Adlai Stevenson running our Foreign Policy?"

US Base in Cuba: The Castro government was, as usual, playing a Russian game, last week, when it announced that Cuba will not attack the US naval base at Guantanamo. They won't, but—secret reports say—they will lease land to Soviet Russia on the other side of Guantanamo Bay. Hints will then be thrown out that Russia will build a submarine base on the land. The real pitch will be to use the threat to try to make the US abandon some of its air and naval bases on the periphery of Russia.

Wild Spending: Word has got around in the Capital that President Eisenhower is about to grapple with his old enemies, "the wild spenders." Before he went to Japan, he emphasized his concern at the way Congress is lavishly playing Santa Claus. Today, with adjournment approaching, this may prove his last and finest fight for a sound dollar.

Specifically, he faces some big bastions to demolish. Week before last, like an inebriated sailor, the Senate upped the appropriation for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by $465 million—a "nuclear" hole punched in the Budget, as Senator Dirksen said. The spendthrift hand of Ike's own cabinet member, Secretary of HEW Flemming, is seen in this. Flemming, an old Truman holdover bureaucrat, is credited with the design to get many more millions for Federal aid to school construction —a purpose opposed by Ike.

Meanwhile, an enormous "pork barrel" for rivers and harbors has got through both the House and Senate. Also, the President will face a bill to raise the pay for Government workers, amounting to about $750 million. Headed by the postal union, the bureaucrats lobbied successfully for this raid, although the cost of living has gone up only a small amount since the last pay raise two years ago and there have been seven pay raises in the last 15 years. Ike reportedly will veto this.

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GOP Senate leader Dirksen and House leader Halleck are struggling manfully to stem this tide of wild spending. They need the President's prestige and help.

Spurring this feeling of urgency for economy, Director of the Budget Maurice Stans has warned Congress that the over $4 billion surplus which Ike forecast last January "stands in acute jeopardy." Stans complained that the above wild spending proposals, plus failure to vote taxes, may turn this anticipated surplus into a deficit. He warned that if the present spree goes on, it will shatter "hopes of millions of taxpayers that in due time there might be tax reduction and reform."

A grass-roots demand for economy and a sound dollar is getting under way, with mail arriving at the offices of members of Congress. If Ike leads another crusade, letter writers may, as they did last year, win the battle of the Budget.

Behind the Snake-Dance: Although the "liberal" press seeks to engrave the word "humiliation" on the brow of Ike and on the banner of the GOP, cooler heads on Capitol Hill point out that it was the Japanese Government which suffered "humiliation," not Ike. With all the power of a strong parliamentary majority backed by army and police, the Kishi Government bowed to mob rule (organized and triggered by Communist agents). Leading up to this Japanese humiliation was a decade of failure to deal sternly and adequately with the fifth column.

For it was in 1951 that the far-seeing John Foster Dulles (then special emissary for President Truman) addressed to the Japanese a warning which their leaders failed to heed. Dulles said that Japan's security was threatened not only by outside foreign aggression, but also by interior forces. That menace, he said, Japan must take care of herself.

"Most of the postwar international robberies," Dulles said, "that have occurred have been because nations failed to take internal precautions. Nations have given opportunities within their own homeland to those who were the secret agents of international gangsters, and they did not put their valuables behind the national equivalent of lock and key. The result has been that, without a shot being fired, all or large parts of many nations have been robbed under the bondage of imperialist communism."

Republicans can add that the "secret agents" obtained a foothold in Japan in large part because President Franklin D. Roosevelt insisted on bringing Soviet Russia into the Far Eastern theatre towards the end of World War II. This course was not favored by military men, but FDR—saturated with pro-Communist advisers—persisted in doing so. As a result, Russia became an occupying power in Japan after the war's end, and established an excellent operating base within Japan. And the hundreds of thousands of Japanese prisoners of Russia, after Red brain-washing, were returned to their homeland to provide willing tools for the Communist influence. Thus, the trouble today in Japan and the natural US concern stems from the stubborn and short-sighted policy of a Democratic regime.

Another MacArthur: US Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II is reported to have (1) failed to warn the State Department of the build-up of student violence against Kishi and (2) to have urged Kishi to cancel his invitation to Ike in the midst of the tumult. Walter Trohan, of the Chicago *Tribune*, so reported early last week, and other news reports on this line followed. Then the State Department mouthpiece Lincoln White denied these reports. Most newsmen in the Capital believe the report is true, and that it illustrates the failure of intelligence to warn our Executive officials about the actual progress of Communist intrigues.

Sentiment in the Capital is that the plan to go to Japan, once the summit debacle occurred, was an error in judgment but that, having made the decision for Ike to go to Tokyo, it was a mistake to call it off. It is understood that Ike was intent on going and became very angry when he received word that Kishi was withdrawing the invite; also, that Nixon backed Ike in his intention to go through with it.

Today, many diplomats believe that MacArthur may be transferred from Tokyo. It should be explained that the Ambassador is the nephew of General Douglas MacArthur, but our former commander in the Pacific has never displayed much interest in his nephew, or vice versa. Actually, Washingtonians associate the latter with the Democrats, rather than the Republican party of which the general had been a supporter. For in 1935, Douglas MacArthur II married Laura Barkley, daughter of Senator Alben Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, who later became Democratic Leader of the Senate and then Vice President.

Capitol Camera: The story goes around Capitol Hill, based on good sources, that there were two U-2's in the air space above Russia when Captain Powers' plane was brought down. This, it is said, accounts for some of the confusion in Government statements, for the authorities did not know which U-2 had been brought down or landed in Russia.

• Reports from Indiana suggest that there is additional impetus to the GOP push to win back at least three House seats in November, thereby giving them a majority of the congressional delegation. It is realized that the election this fall may not give a clear majority to either major party candidate and therefore would be thrown into the House. Then, each state delegation would cast one vote, controlled by a majority of the delegation.

• Capitol Hill calls it the massacre of Quemoy which occurred last week when the Red artillery on mainland China piled a record number of shells on that island, killing eight and wounding seven free Chinese, in a barbaric gesture against visiting President Eisenhower. Yet, it is noted, no "liberal"

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papers protested, no "liberal" pundits expressed horror—as they so often do, say, when rioting natives in Africa clash with police.

• Well informed sources say that a crew of Russian engineers has arrived in Havana, prepared to operate the Nicaro nickel refinery in Oriente Province, Cuba. This refinery is owned by the US Government, and has been operated by the General Services Administration. (See HUMAN EVENTS story of Nicaro on April 28.)

• The Negro magazine *Jet* polled 500 colored leaders and found Adlai Stevenson top choice for the Democratic nomination with Kennedy second.

• The US Narcotics Bureau has long known dope traffic to be a major source of Red Chinese income. Now the bureau says it has evidence that the Red heroin trade is directed by a special trade bureau of Peiping's Department of Finance.

• *Of the* 132 *congressional Democrats who joined* 126 *Republicans petitioning both party platform committees to oppose Red China recognition, Stuart Symington was the only Presidential candidate who signed.*

• Former Governor Averell Harriman has attacked all those who attack Khrushchev, saying it only strengthens the "Stalinists." Khrushchev recently recommended that Harriman should be head of the CIA.

Lyndon's Propaganda: A 40-page brochure, entitled "Lyndon Johnson—A Great Leader for America," offers concrete evidence that he is bidding for conservative support for the nomination—and if nominated, for victory in November. Every page of the propaganda is adorned with a photograph. Many of these suggest that Lyndon prefers to have voters realize he likes to see and be seen with conservative Republicans as well as Democrats.

Thus, in the "Leader" pamphlet—widely distributed to the press—the Tall Texan is shown with Senator Styles Bridges three times, with Senator Saltonstall, GOP conservative from Massachusetts, three times, twice with Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R.-Maine), whose voting record has shown her moving rapidly to the Right, and twice with Ambassador Lodge. (One photo displays Lyndon in a group with Ike.) The only Southern Senators to figure with Johnson in a picture are conservative Senators Russell of Georgia and Stennis of Mississippi. Few of the exhibits can vie in attractiveness with a shot (full page)) of Lyndon and former Democratic Party Chairman James A. Farley. The latter is one of the leaders of the Right Wing, and—it is noted—is critical (as is Johnson) of the "liberal" Democratic attacks on President Eisenhower for his U-2 and summit policies.

The Texas aspirant for the Presidency is rather sparing in his choice and placement of photos with other Democrats. On the next to the last page of the brochure, Johnson is shown with Stevenson, Kefauver and Truman in the rostrum of the Democratic convention of 1956. In other groups, he appears with Rayburn and Truman and (once) with Symington; never with Humphrey or Kennedy, nor, indeed—instance of ingratitude—with the late Franklin D. Roosevelt (who is credited with helping Johnson's early political career).

Wedemeyer: General Albert C. Wedemeyer's rebuttal last week of Field Marshal Montgomery's pro-Red China statements was received by conservatives as a long overdue come-uppance for the America-baiting Monty.

> **After his recent four-day trip to Peiping, Montgomery stated: "I saw in Communist China everywhere a happy, laughing people . . . cheerful, friendly and seemingly contented with their lot."**

Wedemeyer, who, as China-Burma-India theatre commander in World War II, had wide experience with the Chinese Reds, fired back: "To have [Communist propaganda] dished up and articulated by a distinguished military leader of the West is indeed difficult to swallow . . . . Obviously he is unaware of ample evidence concerning the massive famines in China of recent date and the police action required to ruthlessly crush the dissident elements rioting for food. Nor has he heard the testimony of Chinese refugees in Hong Kong and Macao, where over 300 are slipping across the borders daily to leave the land that Lord Montgomery describes so glowingly."

Young GOP Poll: The Young Republican National Federation announced last week that Senator Barry Goldwater is the top choice of YR's for the GOP Vice Presidential nomination. Over 25,000 questionnaires were mailed across the country listing six leading VP possibilities. Goldwater received 37 per cent of the vote, with UN Ambassador Lodge runner-up with 11 per cent. Lodge was also runner-up to Goldwater in the HUMAN EVENTS VP preference poll of Republican county chairmen published May 12. But it is noted that the Young Republicans gave Goldwater an even greater margin than did their elders.

Answer to Appeasers: Dr. Linus Pauling of the "sane nuclear policy" clique refused last week to tell the Senate who helped him round up signatures for a petition to ban immediately nuclear weapons. Meanwhile, the Capital's bookstores were reporting surprising sales of a new book called *When the Kissing Had to Stop,* which brilliantly dissects the thinking of those of the Pauling type. This novel by Constantine FitzGibbon is already considered one of the outstanding fiction works of the cold war and an excellent answer to the "liberal"-lauded appeasement saga "On the Beach" (HUMAN EVENTS, December 30, 1959).

Set in England a few years from now, the book tells how hard-core Communists play on the fears and soft-headedness of "liberals" to elect a bomb-banning pacifist government, although the Russians

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are still armed after phony peace moves—such as dismantling with great fanfare unnecessary missile sites. Reviewing the book, the New York *Daily News* called it "a grim and very well-written exposure of the idiocy of appeasement and defeatism" and suggested that some patriotic movie producer do "as spectacular a job for it as was done for cowardice and surrender in 'On the Beach.'"

Connally Reservation Alert! Conservatives the country over should be alerted to the imminent danger of United States surrender to the compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court in all Law of the Sea disputes unconditionally, *without benefit of the Connally Reservation.*

An Executive Agreement to the "optional Protocol of Signature Concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes" (also called "Executive N" of "Annex V") is now pending in the Senate and may be brought to a vote at any moment. Article I of "Executive N" declares:

> Disputes arising out of the interpretation or application of any Convention on the Law of the Sea shall lie within the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, and may accordingly be brought before the Court by an application made by any party to the dispute being a Party to this Protocol.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee asked the Department of State what, if this Protocol were ratified, would be "the relationship between it and the Senate Resolution of 1946, with respect to the acceptance by the United States of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (including the Connally Reservation)." In a written reply the State Department said:

> The United States, in accepting the optional protocol concerning the compulsory settlement of disputes, would be agreeing *vis-a-vis* any other state accepting this protocol to the submission to the International Court of Justice of any disputes arising out of the interpretation or operation of any of the four conventions for a binding decision by that Court. *Such submission would not be subject to the Connally Reservation attached to the United States declaration accepting generally the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court.* (Italics added.)

The four conventions on the Law of the Sea, here referred to, are extremely comprehensive, covering matters pertaining not only to the high seas but also to the territorial seas and contiguous zones and to the continental shelf.

It is not difficult to imagine disputes arising on matters which the United States would consider to be within our domestic jurisdiction, particularly violations of our territorial seas and the contiguous zones.

Although the USSR has signed the Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone with reservations and has not signed the Protocol at all, Cuba, our Kremlin-influenced neighbor off the coast of Florida, has signed both without reservation. In the event of a dispute, if we sign the Protocol,

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Castro's Cuba could haul us before a World Court upon which two Communist judges are sitting, a Russian and a Pole.

After the summit and the Japanese incident, this proposed surrender would be like Uncle Sam's saying, "Look, boys, I've tied my hands! Come along and sock me!"

The four conventions of the sea and the Protocol came up before the Senate in a sneak move May 26, 1960. It was a sneak move because it was not brought before the Senate for debate. Although hearings had been held on January 20 that revealed the fact that the controversial Connally Reservation would not apply to the Protocol, the printed record was not before the Senators. There was no explanation provided. "Executives J to N Inclusive" were voted on en bloc and passed 77 Yeas to 4 Nays, 19 not voting. Then the serious oversight of the dropping of the Connally Reservation was caught by Senators Byrd and Thurmond. After a motion to reconsider the Protocol alone, it failed of passage, 49 Yeas to 30 Nays—two-thirds of those present and voting being necessary to ratify a treaty.

But that vote did not stick. A second motion to reconsider put it back on the Calendar to be brought up at the whim of the Majority Leader—unless there is sufficient grass-roots protest and pressure to prevent it.

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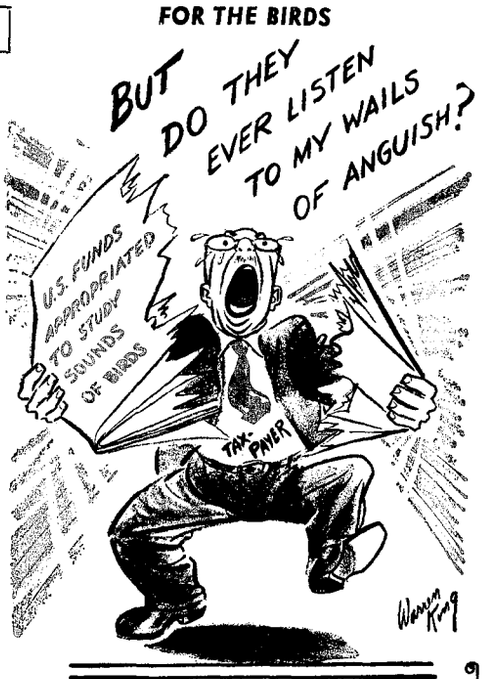

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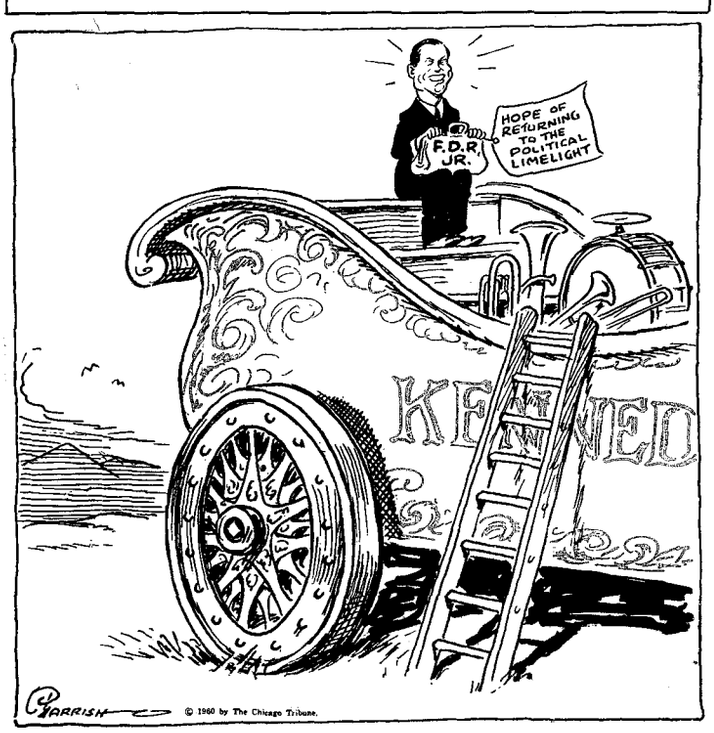

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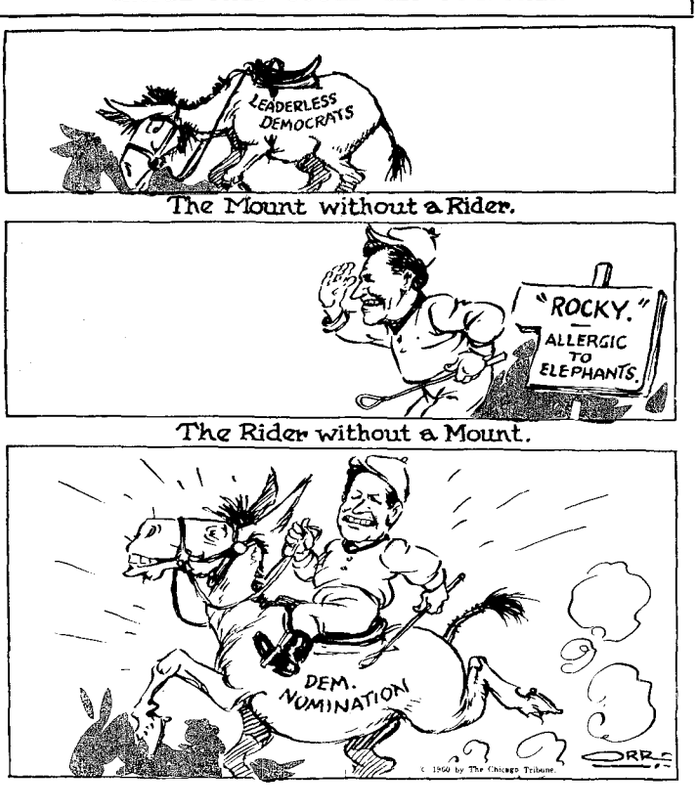
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Let's Not Give Away Antarctica!

By GEORGE FOWLER

IN DISCUSSING ALASKA, Americans sigh with relief and thank Providence for "Seward's Folly"—our purchase from Russia in 1867 of the rich and strategic territory that became our 49th state.

We shudder at the thought of a 20th century Red Alaska, with its rich mineral resources being shuttled to Soviet ports and its air bases aimed against Washington and New York, rather than Moscow or Peiping.

Yet the Eisenhower and previous Administrations have taken a long winter's nap regarding the highly strategic continent of Antarctica—a potential horn of plenty from the standpoint of natural resources. The President has supported a treaty to internationalize Antarctica and there is danger that it will be ratified by the Senate as the lawmakers rush toward the end of this session.

Last November, in Washington, representatives of 12 nations having Antarctic claims, the Soviet Union included, met and signed this treaty. It guarantees non-militarization of Antarctica and allows for freedom of scientific investigation by all nations. Fine words—but the Stars and Stripes were planted in Antarctica in 1821 by an expedition headed by Captain Nathaniel Palmer of the United States Navy. In 1839 Lt. Charles Wilkes mapped 1,500 miles of Antarctic coastline during his exploration, establishing it as a continent.

On the basis of American expeditions—we have explored more of Antarctica and mapped greater portions of its mammoth expanse than all other nations combined—international law experts maintain the United States is entitled to claim four-fifths of the entire continent. Officially, we haven't claimed an inch.

The late Admiral Richard Byrd, famed South Pole explorer, testified before Congress in 1954 regarding this gargantuan oversight: "Ask any schoolboy 'Who owns the South Pole?' and he'll turn to an American geography book or the world atlas, where the map of Antarctica is cut up into some half dozen pie slices that start from the Pole. The name of the nation claiming each slice is clearly printed. Yet nowhere is the proud name of the United States . . . ."

But are we really out much by passing off our rights to this great white land of frost, peopled mostly by amphibious seals and penguins, where the temperature drops to 120 degrees below zero at its barren surface?

Needless to say, you can't power jet age projectiles on whale oil; but Antarctica sports more than the world's largest mammals. Before his fifth and last South Pole expedition Admiral Byrd stated: "I have been connected with four expeditions to Antarctica for our country and each time we returned with new convictions that the so-called useless frozen real estate [just about what opponents of the Alaska purchase were murmuring a century ago] at the bottom of the world is actually a treasure house of fabulous riches.

"Its wealth is waiting to be used when our own resources—which we have been and still are expending so recklessly—are exhausted. Unlike the North Pole, Antarctica is no sea of floating ice, but a continent of six million square miles of land—almost as big as the United States and Europe combined. A sheet of glacial ice covers most of the rock, except where mountains that rise as high as 15,000 feet pierce the icy landscape.

"It was on the side of one of these mountains . . . that I saw a vein filled with enough coal to supply the whole world. Other explorers and I have also brought back to America evidence that invaluable deposits of oil, copper, silver, molybdenum, iron, gold, and even uranium lie beneath the age-old ice just waiting to be tapped. This untapped reservoir of resources is vital to America's future. But perhaps as important is the strategic value of Antarctica."

WE KNOW that atomic energy can be used to melt Antarctic ice in order to uncover the continent's hidden treasures. Modern mining techniques can master the task of unearthing these minerals. From a military standpoint even the layman realizes that, in this era of atomic submarines and man's increasing ability to function in subzero weather, due to scientific strides, the determined efforts of an enemy nation to physically control strategic parts of the continent and employ it as a fortress capable of choking our maritime lifelines in time of war are an alarming possibility.

The establishment of Russian military bases in either frozen or ice-free portions of Antarctica could raise havoc. Red submarines operating out of Antarctic pens would be in easy reach of South America in one direction and Australia in another. Red missile launching pads in Antarctica would be in range of Argentina, Chile, and perhaps areas as far north as the Panama Canal.

Yet in spite of this danger we are in the midst of a Mexican standoff regarding Antarctica largely of our own making, due to the timidity of men

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in high places who desist from claiming their nation's due in an age of high crisis. At last year's 12 nation Antarctica conference we agreed to "freedom of scientific investigation" on the part of all nations. Does this mean that anyone, the Soviets included, can send in scientific and technical teams, come upon large quantities of mineral wealth, chop them out and ship them home, while the nation with a right to the lion's share of Antarctica's riches sits on its haunches and watches?

The treaty guarantees "non-militarization." Does this mean that the Russians, guilty of breaking a thousand international agreements, will refrain from constructing military installations in an unpopulated continent with a million hiding places?

There is little wonder that Senator Frank Lausche (D.-Ohio) called the language of the treaty "nebulous," and Senator Ernest Gruening (D.-Alaska) said that "while the language of the treaty seems unduly vague, it is clear that no rights of the United States to Antarctica are recognized, nor could they be, once the treaty is ratified."

Certainly the activities of the United States in Antarctica have given this nation a stellar claim. American sailors, scientists, and explorers have suffered and died establishing our rights. The Government has spent between $100,000,000 and $300,000,000 on Antarctic exploration. During Operation Highjump alone (commanded by Byrd in 1946-47) a naval task force of 4,000 men charted 1,700,000 square miles of the continent—900,000 of which had never been seen before.

In a letter to Secretary of State Herter shortly before last year's 12 nation agreement, Congressman John R. Pillion (R.-N.Y.) scored our Antarctic policy. Wrote Pillion: "It is inconceivable that the United States allow its pre-eminent status in the Antarctic to be reduced to the same level as those nations with little or no valid interest in this continent.

"This self-destruction of our interests can only lead to chaos and obstruction to the orderly free development of our political and economic interests in the Antarctic. Our experiences with the Soviet in the Yalta and Potsdam agreements should serve as sufficient warning not to again commit political suicide."

Knowing the character of Communist Russia, what is to stop her from setting up Antarctic space stations under the "freedom of scientific investigation" clause of the agreement? South Pole experts maintain Antarctica is one of the most suitable sites on earth for such ventures. The South Pole is a firmly fixed point, in contrast to its Arctic opposite number. For space tracking purposes any object in the Southern half of the sky surrounding the earth would be continuously "visible" to Antarctic tracking antenna.

Could not the Russians at some future date turn their "scientific" efforts into big gains for their geo-political, military and strategic interests? Not that things aren't bad enough already. The United States, with paramount legitimate interests, occupies three permanent Antarctic stations. Russia, with little legal right on the continent save through the noodle-spine largesse of Uncle Sam, who seems to have lost his beard, maintains four permanent stations that we know of.

CONSISTENT with their gigantic gall, the Russians are exploring parts of Antarctica claimed by such as Norway and Australia, mapping areas and renaming mountains and mountain ranges. The Russians boldly claimed the entire continent in 1950, although they had shown no real interest in it until after World War II. Even kindergarten children and Hyde Park matrons must realize by now that any "12 nation agreement" the Reds sign will have little bearing on the expansionist designs of the Kremlin.

Bills have been introduced and shelved in Congress calling for the United States to claim what is rightfully hers. Patriotic organizations, chambers of commerce and South Pole experts have vainly beseeched Presidents, the State Department and Congress to take some interest in this problem before the Russian bear gobbles up the Antarctic.

But the timid souls of political prominence continue their America Last-ism regarding this frozen gem at the bottom of the world. It doesn't take a foreign affairs wizard to scan Russia's past performance chart and figure out what capers our groin-kicking opponents will pull in Antarctica if we don't get hopping down there. It now stands for the United States Senate to act in our enlightened self-interest by rejecting the treaty and for the next Administration to take a fresh look at the need to assert our Antarctic rights.

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Those who would give essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
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Roosevelt Betrayed Mankind at Yalta

His Agreement With Stalin Sent Millions Into Oblivion

By Westbrook Pegler

Our worst handicap in this war with Russia is our inability to believe that the country was betrayed by a sycophant at Yalta. Roosevelt was not a manly man. He was a mama's boy who never played ball but owned the bat. He didn't go to the war of his generation, not because of fear, but because his mother always held him apart from vulgarizing contacts—as in football. Stalin was a brute who sneered at him so Roosevelt fawned on Stalin.

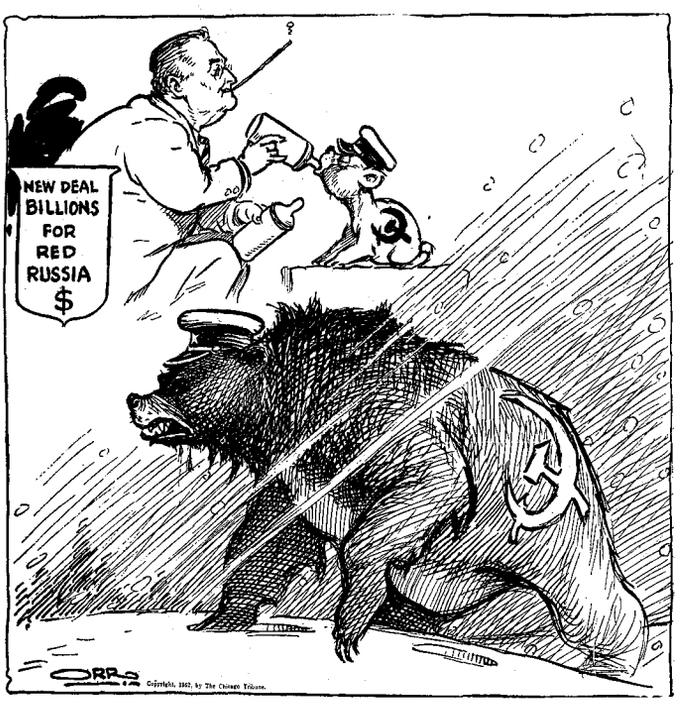
The Republicans had no excuse to protect Roosevelt. But the Republican party shares the guilt of the Democrats because it did not fully fight him for the country's sake. The Republicans still put Roosevelt's prestige above the Constitution and the Nation.

Neither party has yet confessed its guilt in crimes against the United States or repented the misconduct of paltry leaders. It is not true that in 1944 Dewey had a duty to uphold Roosevelt because we were in a desperate war. Dewey's duty was to fight Roosevelt and expose him as a fraud. Willkie, four years earlier, was a double-crosser who, somehow, was able to conceal even from our press, God forgive us, the fact that he was a Trojan horseman, temporarily turned Republican and ready to sneer soon after election day that his righteous vociferations had been mere "campaign oratory."

It is hard to imagine a more vicious betrayer of public trust than Willkie.

Dewey knew, in common with many of us in our confidential souls, that Roosevelt was a thief of money in frauds which he promoted for members of his family, as well as a cheat in many private and public matters. He had denounced Stalin as a bloody-handed monster indistinguishable from Hitler. But soon afterward he opened our veins to save the same monster from Hitler's mighty armies. Knowing what he was doing, he preserved communism from an ephemeral, local mania in Germany whose opponents on the German home grounds even then were trying to overthrow Hitler. No intelligent man—and Roosevelt was acclaimed by his henchmen for his informed intellect—had the faintest excuse to pretend that he thought the Communist empire was a myth or a weakling.

On the very eve of war, Molotov and Ribbentrop signed a treaty of mutual predatory purpose and proceeded almost at once in the most brutal aggression of all down to that time. Thus, Poland was torn in half.



Yet, Roosevelt went to Yalta for the frightful orgies so vividly described by his son, Elliott, and in that drunken weekend, committed crimes of his own.

At Yalta, Roosevelt agreed to let Soviet Russia sweep Westward, overwhelming civilized Eastern Europe and scattering ten million desperate, helpless, bewildered people of our own kind so that millions of them never again saw a familiar face. Indeed, millions of them just vanished into the wilderness of history.

At Yalta, between incoherent boozy bellows, the United States by false authority of the President, who actually had no authority, gave Stalin permission to make slaves of probably another million prisoners of war captured first by Germany but recaptured by our side when Germany collapsed. They were, according to the legal and moral obligations of the United States, a charge on our honor. They deserved protection even though we had to kill Russians to protect them. But we delivered them to a captor who regarded them all as deserters or civilian traitors and so loaded them into freight cars and shipped them into oblivion.

Yet the United States, under Truman, sat on the same court with Hitler's recent ally at Nuremberg, exulting in a mutual righteousness with the same war criminal who had been Hitler's eager accomplice.

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F.D.R.'s Fraud Upon Mankind

(Continued from page 1)

It seems true that Truman didn't even know the atom bomb had ever been thought of when he suddenly was tagged "it" for the Presidency. But a million of us could see that Roosevelt was on the point of death and Truman should have insisted on coaching in Roosevelt's mad undertakings. I quit United Features in the summer of 1944 because I saw the mark of death in Roosevelt's pictures from San Diego and wanted to warn the country against four years more of the drooling slob, Henry Wallace. Roy Howard said it was unethical to speculate on any man's expectancy. Roosevelt was dead the next April.

Eisenhower pulled back from the Elbe and failed to take Berlin and Prague. He said he had orders. But can any Republican defend such quavering submission to the military wisdom of a novice President with only a six months' hitch as a battery commander in 1918 for military background?

I hear it said that it will take 100 years to teach the American people the truth of these matters. That presumes cowardice in those who have the moral duty to keep telling the truth, day after day, now.

Swimming Pools vs. Missiles Is Not a Pertinent Debate

From the Wall Street Journal

The following remarks of Senator Fulbright, quoted recently by Adlai Stevenson, express a viewpoint that is gaining in popularity among some politicians:

"It is frequently pointed out that the United States far outproduces the Soviet Union. This is true, but the use that is made of productive capacity is of at least equal importance with the size of the capacity. On this score, there is no ground for complacency. The Russians devote a much larger proportion of their resources to defense, to education, and to the other things which really matter in the cold war and which would be decisive in a hot war.

"It won't do us any good to outproduce them in color TV sets if they outproduce us in missiles . . . . If we put cement into backyard swimming pools, and they put it into factories, who has improved his position more?

"In making decisions on the allocation of resources, the Russians have a considerable advantage over us because of the difference in the decision-making process in the two countries. There, it is centralized in a few men. Here, in its basic aspects, it involves all the people."

This analysis is important, for if it is valid it clearly means that the U.S. had better arrange its national priorities in a hurry by greatly expanding Government and repressing private economic activity—which is exactly what various politicians are urging. So let us take a look at the premise.

Of the remarks in the Fulbright passage, the key one is the first: The U.S. far outproduces the U.S.S.R.

Because we so greatly outproduce Russia, the use to which production is put is not at all of equal importance with the size of the capacity. It is just because the Soviet economic capacity is so small compared to ours that the Russians must devote a much larger proportion of their resources to defense and the rest. We devote a much smaller proportion and get the strongest defense because we as a nation are rich while they, under communism, are poor.

Therefore, contrary to the premise, it won't do us any good to devote more of our resources to defense than is needed or to wasteful Government projects in general. Indeed, it will do us incalculable harm in terms of employment, living standards and the very economic growth these people profess to want so much—and hence harm to military potential itself.

For it is not true that the Russians have a "considerable advantage" over us by virtue of the centralization of economic decision-making in a few men. That is a nightmare for them, as it must be for all central economic planners, and they are constantly trying to get out of it by all kinds of dodges such as decentralization of industry and the introduction of capitalist devices.

In this country, the fact that economic decision-making basically involves all the people—that is, we have a market economy—is precisely the explanation of our ability to afford the most powerful military establishment in the world while maintaining the highest living standards for the greatest number in history.

In sum, these gentlemen are posing phony alternatives—either TV sets or missiles, cement for swimming pools or for heavy industry. They are describing the choices that must be made in Russia, not in the U.S. which can do all these things and more.

And on the basis of this false premise they imply that we must drastically change our economy to match, in Mr. Stevenson's words, "the efficiency of central planning and dictatorship." The very words are chilling; can anyone seriously believe such a change could leave our free political institutions unimpaired?

Yet that is the proposition being offered the people. The people will do well to examine it far more critically than its proponents seem capable of doing.

At Columbia

Doctorate Dissertations Accepted On Rowing, Feathers, USO Work

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer

We have it on the word of the New York Herald Tribune and of the Council for Basic Education that in recent years Teachers College of Columbia University, a leading institution both in production of teachers and in directing educational trends in the nation, has accepted dissertations for doctorate degrees on these topics:

A history of competitive rowing in colleges and universities.

Integrating school lunch into the elementary school curriculum.

A study of Little League baseball and its educational implications.

A history of the School Garden Association of New York.

The cooperative selection of school furniture to serve the kindergarten through third grade program in the Garden City public schools.

A guide for initiating school camping with special reference to Bronxville.

Sports officiating for men in schools and colleges with special implications for Ohio.

The organization of administration of college bands.

The junior hostess volunteers at the USO, Lafayette Square.

The nature of the sports page in relation to intercollegiate athletics.

Sky full of feathers.

How to find a teacher.

Factors relating to the dropout of doctoral candidates at Teachers College.

We've listed all of these because we think they are symptomatic of what has been wrong in at least one major school for educators: Too much attention on sidelines and trivia, too many courses on how to teach and not enough stress on what to teach, and not enough stress on knowing the fundamentals which each new generation must be taught.

Youth and Discipline

By Shane MacCarthy

Youth wants discipline and adults give them license. Youth loves roughness and adults give them ease. Youth craves activity and adults manufacture idleness for them . . . We build miles of turnpikes, but where are the hiking trails? Our children camp out in junior-size country clubs . . . Adult example is the most compelling force in democracy—and it is very doubtful that today's adults can be looked upon as paragons of fitness.

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Truman Vetoed Spy-Flight Plan

From the New York Daily News

Harry S. Truman reveals that, when he was President, he and Secretary of State Dean Acheson turned down a plan to set up photographic spy-plane flights over Soviet Russia.

The pair considered espionage a "dirty deal," and Truman "never wanted to know anything about it."

President Eisenhower realistically okayed the spy-planes, and for four years they collected priceless information on Soviet military installations, until one of them unfortunately came down inside Russia last May Day.

Truman and Acheson are Democratic elder statesmen. Are we to infer that, if a Democrat is elected President next November 8, he will bow to these gentlemen's super-refined distaste for espionage, by doing everything he can to hobble US spying in Russia while Russia continues to spy on our country? If so, how safe will this nation be with a Democrat—any Democrat—as its next President?

Who Owns the Job -- Worker or Employer?

From a Republic Steel Corporation Ad

Once upon a time there were two men, Adam and Zeb.

Adam risked all his savings to set himself up as an independent neighborhood merchant.

Zeb took a factory job which required no risk for him.

Neighborhood competition finally caused Adam to go broke and give up his store. He was out of work and out of savings.

Circumstances eventually made Zeb's job unnecessary. He was out of work, but he had his savings. And his severance pay. And his unemployment compensation.

Nobody felt sorry for Adam. The neighborhood shopper felt justified in patronizing the most efficient merchant. It was Adam's own responsibility if he couldn't keep up. Let him retrain himself and find another job.

Many people felt sorry for Zeb. They said the factory should let Zeb stand beside the new equipment and be paid even though he was not needed. By assumption, he owned the job which he had not created.

America was built by the Adams. Is it going to the Zebs?

Costly Cotton

The Department of Agriculture is scheduled to buy nearly sixty per cent of this year's cotton crop—some 8,650,000 bales—at a probable cost of $1,300 million.

Whose Side Are We On?

From the Indianapolis News

This government's foreign broadcasting service costs $18 million a year.

Which broadcast did foreign listeners prefer when the visit of Russian Premier Khrushchev to Afghanistan last fall was described?

Voice of America: "The premier was given an enthusiastic welcome on his arrival in Kabul by a crowd of a half million Afghans."

Radio Moscow: "Thousands of Afghans stood along the road which linked the airport to the palace where Nikita Khrushchev and his party were staying."

The VOA is a costly propaganda means, but for which side?

Government Grant Inspires Study of Cocktail Parties

From the Richmond News Leader

After four exhausting years of research, under a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (agents for U.S. taxpayers), three eminent sociologists have just completed a study of profound implications. Their study is a part of "a systematic study of socialibility." More definitively, it is a study of the cocktail party. More definitively still, this first installment appears to be a study of the role of the host at the cocktail party.

To prepare this scholarly work, the three sociologists, helped by six assistants, went to 80 cocktail parties between January, 1955, and December, 1959. After each party the investigator returned to his quarters and spent "perhaps twenty hours of work simply writing down everything he could remember about the party." The findings were at last correlated; conclusions were drawn; footnotes were added, and the work was reduced in an 11-page article, "The Vanishing Host," published in the Spring issue of "Human Organization," official journal of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

Here we learn that the typical host "feels bound to continue as long as strength endures, sending out for more liquor if necessary." Some hosts insist upon planned parties, at which the guests are coerced into charades, card games, and amateur painting. The authors find it disappointing that occasionally a host's sociable energies are so devoted to "filling the guest's metabolisms" that the party is dampened.

The sociologists describe one Midwestern party at some length. At the outset, guests conversed quietly "in small groups of the same sex." In time, however, unmarried guests began to scan their opposite numbers, and "cross-sex conversations developed." Around the bar, things got noisier, and before the party broke up at 5 a.m., the living room was jammed with dyads of friends ("dyad," we are advised, is how a socioligist says "couple").

We would inquire of our more sober readers, seriously, how in the world any responsible administrator in charge of public funds could have approved a tax grant for any such study as this. We would wonder aloud if some committee of Congress ought not to go into a slow burn and ask some hot questions. From **Newsweek** magazine, we learn that this particular research report is merely the first of four studies to be made by these sociologists of "Functions of Play in Developing Adult Behavior." Total cost to the United States taxpayers: $89,811.

One of these days, let it be added grimly, there will be a rebellion among the American people that will make the little fracas of 1776 look like a tea, or a cocktail, party. When the average faceless citizen wakes up to discover what is being done with his money, the faceless citizen is likely to demand that someone throw the rascals out.

When we started to write this little piece, the topic seemed funny. But the memory of April 15, and of a Federal income tax return, and of the check that went with it, is still painfully vivid, and we read of this idiotic waste of public money not with amusement, but with an icy outrage. This is one drunken party to break up right now.

Quo Vadis?

From the Indianapolis News

The federal government is loaded down with "advisory" boards, commissions, committees, and bureaus on a wide variety of subjects.

There is no end in sight for the creation of these money-guzzling groups.

For instance, the Senate now has two bills. One would create an "Office of International Travel and Tourism," and the other a "Travel Advisory Board."

Taxpayers may wonder how Americans have traveled hither and yon for years without Uncle Sam's high-priced bureaucrats helping with their plans.

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Internationalist Vandenberg Fell for British Charmers

By Walter Trohan

Facts are frequently so strange and so spicy that they give way to legends in history. This is demonstrated in the case of the late Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R.-Mich.) who executed a startling switch from isolation to internationalism in a Senate speech on January 10, 1945.

Writing in a recent issue of the magazine *American Heritage*, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson details the "conversion" of "his some time adversary but also his friend." Acheson personalizes the legend that Vandenberg was converted by the cold light of reason as expounded by State Department officials, including Acheson, at sessions of the eight-Senator special Senate committee on post-war problems.

Met with Hull

Acheson says that this group met for the first time on April 25, 1944, about eight months before the announced "conversion," which while less fruitful was hardly less startling than St. Paul's on the road to Damascus. The Vandenberg diaries fix the first meeting on March 31, 1943, and the first session with then Secretary of State Cordell Hull on April 17, 1943, more than a year earlier than Acheson's date.

But long before these sessions, Vandenberg fell under the spell of not one but two British charmers. Behind his back, Republicans and Democrats alike referred to Vandenberg as the Senator from Mitzi-Gan, a play on the first name of one of the Britishers. Once when Vandenberg was conferring with a group of last ditch Republican and Democratic isolationists of which he was then one, she patted him on the cheek before returning to their adjoining apartment and said, "Good night, you great big statesman, you."

Kept a Diary

This was in the days before Vandenberg exploded at his former comrades in his diaries, saying, "I get so damned sick of that little band of GOP isolationists who are always in the way that I could scream." By then he had been taught to scream out of the other side of his mouth.

When the first teacher returned to England, her place was taken by another no less dedicated charmer. Mrs. Hazel Vandenberg, the Senator's second wife, fled in indignation to their Grand Rapids, Michigan, home. She did return to be photographed with him in 1948 when he was hoping Republican Presidential nomination lightning might strike. But when she died in 1950 she specified that her body be buried with her family in Indiana and not where a plot was awaiting his in Michigan.

She Was Successful

In the 1948 convention a prominent Republican political leader, who still lives, was prepared to demand the floor as a delegate and read copies of dispatches the second charmer sent to England detailing the progress of the conversion work she was carrying on and boasting of her victory. These dispatches had been intercepted by one of our military intelligence agencies in connection with the protection of the national security in war time.

Wrote an Acceptance Speech

This leader was dissuaded from seeking the floor until it could be determined whether Vandenberg would become a serious contender, which he never did. Later he said he never intended to, but his intimate diaries contained a full blown acceptance speech which he had prepared in the event the nomination should come to him.

This is one of the most pathetic documents in recent political history, except perhaps for the letter the late Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes wrote from Chicago to Franklin Delano Roosevelt during the 1940 Democratic convention advancing Robert M. Hutchins, then chancellor of the University of Chicago, as a possible running mate but concluding that if the President was interested in a real candidate he, Ickes, was available and willing.

Acheson Dropped In

Acheson does not mention the activities of the two charmers, but he may not have been the intimate friend magazine caption writers imply he was. The Vandenberg diaries report in July, 1949: "Dean called up this afternoon and asked if he could drop in for a drink on his way home—and drop in he did." This intimacy came only a matter of months before Vandenberg's death on April 18, 1951, months which found him absent from the Capital in his fight against cancer.

Red Kidnaping Finally Proved

From the Washington Daily News

On July 8, 1952, at 7:30 a. m., a man stepped out of his home in a residential district in West Berlin to go to work. He was stopped by a man on the sidewalk who wanted a match. A second man slugged him with a blackjack and a third man grabbed him from behind. Dragged into a waiting automobile he was raced through the city to Communist East Berlin—one of his legs still hanging out of the door.

He has never been seen since and, until this week, both the Soviets and the East German Communists denied ever having heard of him.

The man was Dr. Walter Linse—one of the key officials of the Free Jurists investigative committee. The Free Jurists is an organization of lawyers who collect intelligence on East Germany and try to keep East Germans informed of their "rights"—when they have any—under Communist law.

Nearly eight years after this brutal abduction—after repeated denials that Dr. Linse was in custody and even after the return of Christmas food packages sent to him—the Soviet Red Cross sent a brief message to the West German Red Cross. It said Dr. Linse had died in a prison in the Soviet Union on December 15, 1953—confirmation that it was the Soviets who at least engineered the kidnaping.

Frequently uninformed people ask: "Why shouldn't West Berlin be made a 'free city' as Khrushchev asks?"

The answer is: If that happened, a large majority of the 2.2 million people of West Berlin—especially all of the leaders in all fields of life—would suffer fates as bad and probably worse than that of Dr. Linse.

H.E.W. Would Play Den Mother To Everybody in the Country

From the Indianapolis Star

When Governor Harold Handley said the other day that Federal bureaucrats had substituted the image of a mother hen for the American eagle, he could easily have been thinking about a bill before Congress to create a "Federal Recreation Service."

The idea, according to the sponsors, is to provide a centralized agency which would offer "ready advice" on establishing recreation programs to municipal, county and state governments and voluntary organizations. The matters on which advice from Washington presumably is needed include "a host of details such as utilization of community resources, statutory and legislative requirements and limitations, financing, organization procedures and employment standards."

May the Saints preserve us! So now its going to take an act of Congress to get a Little League ball game underway!

There's little enough room left for individual enterprise. Let's at least keep room to play without a game leader from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Tax Take

From the Nashville Banner

Back in 1913, all Federal tax collections—it says here—amounted to $622 million. Today they are estimated at $76,300 million annually. Even when you say it fast, that's seventy-six thousand, three hundred million dollars.

Meanwhile, total state tax collections per annum have grown from $310 million to $17,400 million; and total local tax collections from $1,308 million to an estimated $16,800 million.

All in 47 years. Tempus isn't all that has fugited.

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